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Mr. Mark S. Zaid Executive Director The James Madison Project 1250 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200 Washington, D. C. 20036

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Dear Mr. Zaid:

On 12 August 2008, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 11 August 2008 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for "copies of all internal Central Intelligence Agency ('CIA') documents pertaining to:

- (1) discussions concerning the decision to initiate an internal review of the operations of the CIA's Inspector General ('IG'), John Helgerson, and of the Office of the Inspector General ('OIG') as a whole, that are dated <u>after</u> 5 November 2007;
- (2) the activities of the internal review itself, including but not limited to discussions, meetings and/or correspondence initiated with the OIG;
- (3) proposals for and the implementation of changes in the operations and procedures of the OIG, including but not limited to the appointment of an ombudsman and a 'quality control officer';
- (4) any semiannual IG reports to the Director that reference any of the above."

We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

We accept your request and will process it according to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended. Our search will include records existing through the date of this acceptance letter.

Because we believe that fees would be minimal, and as an act of administrative discretion, there will be no charge for processing your request.

The large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable delays making it unlikely that we can respond within the 20 working days the FOIA requires. You have the right to consider our honest appraisal as a denial of your request and you may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. A more practical approach would permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain your appeal rights and, once you receive the results of our search, can appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you object.

Sincerely,

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